



EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 3627

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin A. Layne  
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+ Declaration  
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This response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from September 18, 2003 to October 18, 2003. Also enclosed is a Declaration submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.131.